

RIVER DISASTER.

The Big Joseph B. Williams Sinks Sixteen Coal Boats—The Loss is \$30,000 to \$40,000—Largest of Tow Boats.

The big towboat Joseph B. Williams, the most powerful steamer running on western or southern rivers, met with a disaster Tuesday afternoon, at Point Pleasant, Mo., sinking ten coalboats, sucking ten and damaging several others of her fleet. She had forty coalboats and three barges of rails in her tow.

Capt. August Jutte, a member of the transportation committee of the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke Company, the owner of the boat and tow, who has taken great pride in giving the steamer record-breaking fleets, left Pittsburgh for the scene of the disaster, and was expected to arrive there yesterday afternoon.

Fog and rapidly falling Mississippi river are reported as the cause of the accident, says the Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph. The entire mammoth fleet was shoved onto a big bar at Point Pleasant, and as soon as the tow struck it went to pieces, scattering over the river. Captain James Beazell, master of the steamer, immediately sent a message to C. Jutte & Company, who operate the boat, apprising them of the accident. The Mississippi river is fierce, and if the Williams' damaged boats go to pieces it will be almost impossible to save any of them.

The coalboats struck and sunk contain about 670,000 bushels of coal, making it perhaps the most serious accident of the kind that has ever befallen a single towboat. Coal is worth 14 cents a bushel at New Orleans, which would make the value of the cargo in trouble over \$30,000, but this does not represent an actual loss. The above value of the cargo is based on the market price; the cost of the coal to date was not less than \$40,000. The Williams has had bad luck ever since she reached Louisville. In making up her tow of coal at that place, one coalboat was sunk, and it is reported that the boat struck the bank some distance below Louisville after she had left there and sunk one boat.

Much was said about the boat when she left Cincinnati about her record-breaking trip of forty coal boats and three barges of rails. Big accounts of the feat were published in the papers, as it was the largest tow ever handled by any boat plying between Cincinnati and Louisville. The Williams has, however, on several occasions, taken successfully forty coal boats to New Orleans. Her present tow contained about 1,000,000 bushels of coal and 3,000 tons of steel rails for delivery in some of the southern states. About two years ago the Williams attempted to take fifty coal boats, aggregating 1,250,000 bushels of coal from Louisville to New Orleans, but she was compelled to double-trip almost the entire distance, and the trip proved a failure, it requiring her almost double her usual time to take the tow.

Captain August Jutte is noted among river men for giving the tow boats operation by his firm large tows, and he took much delight in watching the steamer during this trip. She took on the three barges of steel rails at Louisville. As far as could be learned the rails are in good shape.

The Joseph B. Williams is the largest towboat afloat. She is 256 feet long, or longer than any stern-wheel steamer plying the upper Ohio river, and is 53 1/2 feet wide, her depth of hold being 6 1/2 feet. She is supplied with six boilers, 48 inches in diameter and 28 feet long. She has compound engines, 20 inches in diameter, and two low-pressure cylinders, 48 inches in diameter, with 9 feet stroke of piston, which works a wheel 29 by 29 feet feet, having buckets 36 inches wide and 30 feet long.

It is said that it would have taken forty trains of forty cars each to have taken her shipment of coal out of Pittsburgh, which is exclusive of the shipment of rails. An effort probably will be made to save some of the cargo, but the conditions will not be known until Captain Jutte makes a report. It is not often that coal is saved on the Mississippi river, for the reason that the river in most places has a sandy bottom, and when a craft once sinks or sticks, the sand cuts out from under the craft, burying it.

THE RIVER.

The rise is expected to reach about fifteen feet here.

The Leroy came up last night, and will clear for Clarington and way landings at 3:30.

The river is filled with shore ice, but it is not heavy enough to interfere with navigation.

The Jewel came out yesterday, and will clear for Matamoros and way landings at 11 o'clock.

The marks at 2 p. m. Wednesday, showed 9 feet 2 inches and rising. Weather, cloudy and moderate.

The Keystone State left Cincinnati for Wheeling and Pittsburgh last evening, a day ahead of her schedule.

The Queen City is to-day's Cincinnati packet, departing at 8 o'clock. She has heavy offerings in sight, being the first boat since the ice embargo was raised.

River Telegrams.

STUEBENVILLE—River 9 feet 6 inches and rising. Ice going by. Raining, cold.

OIL CITY—River 4 feet 6 inches and rising. Weather, cloudy and mild.

GREENSBORO—River 10 feet 2 inches and stationary. Weather, raining. Ice started to gorge above Lock No. 7.

PITTSBURGH—River 3.3 feet and stationary. Weather, raining.

MORGANTOWN—River 13 feet 10 inches and falling. Weather, rainy.

WARREN—River 2 feet 5 inches and stationary. Weather, fair and mild.

PARKERSBURG—Ohio river 5 feet 4 inches and stationary. Weather, cloudy and warm. Down: Kanawha, Queen City due about midnight. Up: John Moren, with empties. Little Kanawha rising. Locals resumed to-day. Both rivers are clear of ice.

BENWOOD.

News Notes From the Busy Marshall County Town.

The Republicans will meet at the city hall next Saturday evening to outline the municipal campaign. A large attendance is desired. Ward nominating suggestions will be made. The party is enjoying perfect harmony this year and all that is needed to turn the race-calls out is a little active work all along the line. Let every Benwood Republican attend Saturday night's meeting.

The water works was set in motion yesterday, after having been shut down since Friday. The shut down was necessitated by a break in the main in the upper end of the city, caused by the collapse of a tunnel. A large force of men have been at work repairing the damage and succeeded in completing the job yesterday.

A lunacy warrant was sworn out before Justice Fiddle yesterday, for a young man named Fisher, who has been acting strangely here of late. Fisher resides out Boggs run and is about twenty years of age. He has a mother, who was sent to the Western asylum a few days ago. Fisher will be taken to Weston to-day.

The newly organized Empire Athletic Club, composed of a number of young men of the town, have rented rooms in the Blue Ribbon building and are having them elegantly furnished.

Dr. Eskey is having a one-room addition built to the Emergency hospital. The room will be used as an office and will be fitted out with modern improvements.

Miss Lizzie Mahood, daughter of Street Commissioner Mahood, who has been at the point of death with pneumonia, is convalescent.

A crowd of well known young people of this place made up a congenial party at the ice palace at Wheeling, last evening.

Bert Truax, son of James Truax, the well known saloonist, is lying at his home dangerously ill with pneumonia.

The well known Occidental Club will give another of their enjoyable hops at Blue Ribbon hall, on the 26th inst.

The Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, will give a select hop on the 28th of the month at Blue Ribbon hall.

The tube mill at the Riverside will resume operations next Monday, after an idleness of several weeks.

The Magnolia Club will give a dance at Holderman's hall, on the 20th of this month.

Charles Fox, of Clarksburg, is in town, the guest of friends.

WELLSBURG.

Doings of People in the Brooke County Metropolis.

Howard & Boyd have filed a bill in the suit of Bertha L. Hanlon and William L. Latimer vs. Theresa L. Walsh, John J. Walsh and J. W. M. Carmichael. The plaintiffs ask the court to set aside a deed executed by them on August 24, 1899, conveying their right, title and interest in the John Lewis Jr. farm of 620 acres, adjoining Wellsburg, and also their interest in a certain \$10,000 legacy under the will of the said John Lewis, Jr., to Theresa L. Walsh. They allege fraud and misrepresentation on the part of the defendants, Theresa L. and John J. Walsh, that the real estate is worth fully \$15,000, of which they are entitled to one-half, and that they did not know the paper writing they signed was a deed to the real estate, but believed it was merely a settlement of their interest in the afore mentioned legacy.

New suits entered at the circuit clerk's office: County court of Brooke county vs. Evan Hindman, et al; condemnation of land for road purposes; Minnie Carmichael vs. John B. Carmichael, divorce; G. W. Freshwater vs. James Paulk, specific performance of contract; W. H. Boyd, administrator vs. Mary Boyd et al, settlement of estate of M. E. Boyd, deceased.

Judge John A. Campbell, of New Cumberland, was here this week, looking after the condition of his congressional fences in Brooke county. He has many friends here who will support him in his second contest with Captain Doherty for the Republican congressional nomination.

The stockholders of the Bethany Fair Association organized by the election of a board of directors, with O. R. Carman as president and C. B. Scott as secretary. The fair will be a go.

Mrs. Bullock, of Elmira, New York, a noted temperance lecturer, will speak at the George chapel on Friday evening.

BRIEF MENTIONINGS.

Events in and About the City Given in a Nutshell.

Grand to-night—"Over the Fence." The finance committee of the council is called to meet this evening.

The Kenmore Club will give a dance on next Tuesday evening, at their club room on the South Side.

J. C. Carter, of Mingo Junction, whose foot was badly injured, is being treated by Dr. J. R. Manley, of the South Side.

The City Union of the King's Daughters and Sons will hold an important meeting in the Second Presbyterian church, this evening.

The case of the state vs. W. J. Cotts, on a forgery charge, will come up in Squire Rogers' court to-day.

A double silver medal contest will be held by the Roney's Point W. C. T. U. in the United Presbyterian church, on Wednesday, February 14, at 7:30 p. m.

The many friends of William R. Fahey, the contractor, will sympathize with him in the loss of his three-year-old son, William R. Fahey, who died of pneumonia, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

On next Monday evening at Beabout hall, the G. A. R. Drum and Fife Corps will give their first masquerade ball. Prizes will be awarded the finest dressed lady and the most comically dressed gentleman.

Humane Officer W. W. Echols will take four girls to Newport, Ky., this morning, to place them in a girls' home. On his return he will take three boys from Mountville to the reform school at Pruntytown.

John ("Cal") Dougal pleaded guilty to a sheep-stealing charge at Washington, Pa., and he was sentenced to a year and eight months in the penitentiary. He may be prosecuted on a similar charge in this county after his term ends.

The Mozart Singing Society gave a kaffee visit last evening at their hall, on the South Side. A concert programme was rendered. A concert which Charles Zulauf sang several selections. The affair was concluded with a dance.

The many friends of Mrs. Lizzie Kinghorn will be pained to learn of her death at 4:10 o'clock yesterday morning. The funeral will take place Friday afternoon, from her late home, 92 Eighteenth street. Interment at Peninsula cemetery.

This evening, young lady friends of the Majestic Club will take possession of the club rooms and hold a social, to which none of the male members of the club will be eligible for admission. Music will form the principal amusement, supplemented with a luncheon at Held's.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold their regular meeting this afternoon at 2:30 p. m. in the Fourth Street M. E. church. Mrs. C. H. Watkins has been elected president for the ensuing year. All the members are cordially invited and requested to bring friends.

Daniel Gettell, the tube worker, was united in marriage last evening, to Miss Annie Bihler, of Thirty-seventh street.

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From New York Journal, January 4th, 1900.



65TH POLICE PRECINCT.

GREATER NEW YORK, NOV. 11, 1899.

DR. KILMER & CO.,

GENTLEMEN:

In justice to you, I feel it is my duty to send you an acknowledgement of the receipt of the sample bottle of Swamp-Root you so kindly sent me. I had been out of health for the past five years with kidney and bladder trouble. Had our best physicians prescribe for me. They would relieve me for the time being, but the old complaint would in a short time return again. I sent for a sample bottle of Swamp-Root, and I found it did me a world of good. Since then I have taken eight small bottles, bought at my drug store, and I consider myself perfectly cured. I do not have to get up during the night to urinate as I formerly did, three or four times a night, but now sleep the sleep of peace. My back is all right again and in every way I am a new man. Two of my brother officers are still using Swamp-Root. They, like myself, cannot say too much in praise of it. It has been a boon to mankind. We recommend it to all humanity who are suffering from kidney and bladder diseases.

My brother officers (whose signatures accompany this letter), as well as myself thank you for the blessing you have brought to the human race in the compounding of Swamp-Root. We remain, yours very truly,

JAMES COOK,
HUGH E. BOYLE,
JOHN J. BODKIN.

Officers of the 65th Police Precinct, Greater New York.

DEAR SIRS:—

Received your sample bottle of Swamp-Root, which you were good enough to send me. It helped me wonderfully. Have since taken two bottles purchased from my druggist. It seemed as if my back would break in two when I got up after stooping. I am now entirely cured and cheerfully recommend your medicine to anyone suffering from kidney disease.

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THEODORUS VAN WYCK, former Editor of the Mt. Vernon News, and now one of the most prosperous real estate brokers in New York, 128 South Eleventh Avenue, Mount Vernon, N. Y.

To Whom It May Concern:

I had been a sufferer for the past five years from severe attacks of rheumatism and kidney trouble, probably contracted by exposure on hunting expeditions and wading streams. I tried many remedies, the patient and other kind, but none of them seemed to do me any good. I was persuaded by an old and valued friend to try Swamp-Root, and frankly confess that it has benefited me in no other medicine has. I now feel like myself again. I do not have the constant aches and pains which at one time seemed to make life unbearable. It is a positive benefit in ailments of this kind. I always keep it in the house, as it is just as necessary as bread and butter.

Very respectfully,
Theodorus Van Wyck
Manager #81 New Street
Co-operation, Mount Vernon, N. Y.

His Own Physician Ordered It.

New York, November 17, 1899.

To Whom It May Concern:

I was all run down in health and spirits from overwork on the Exchange floor. I developed nervous neuralgia and also suffered from an acute attack of rheumatism. Of course, I had careful medical attendance, but while consulting my own physician himself ordered me to take Swamp-Root to build up my nervous system and put my kidneys in shape. It helped me more than any curative or tonic I ever used, and now I always keep it in my medicine chest. With best wishes for sufferers.

H. Oliver Goldsmith
Manager #81 New Street
Co-operation, Mount Vernon, N. Y.

EDITORIAL NOTE—We are pleased to state that a special arrangement has been made by which all readers of our paper may have a sample bottle of the Great Kidney Remedy, Swamp-Root, sent absolutely free by mail. Be sure and mention reading this generous offer in the Wheeling Daily Intelligencer when sending your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Schweickhardt at the Reformed church, corner of Thirty-sixth and Eoff streets.

At the La Belle mill last night, seventeen-year-old Harry Baker had the misfortune to have the second and third fingers of his right hand injured. The fingers were caught in a piece of machinery in some manner, and Dr. J. R. Manley had to sew the ends of the members.

William Horstmann, the South Side saloonist, and Miss Emma Meyer's wedding was solemnized last evening at the Reformed church, corner of Thirty-sixth and Eoff streets. The Rev. Mr. Schweickhardt officiated at the ceremony. They gave a reception after the ceremony, which was attended by a large number of their friends.

The many friends of John Greer, the well known kilnman at the Wheeling pottery, are pushing him strongly for a place on the police force.

The Ladies' Auxiliary, Mullen Division, A. O. H., gave a supper Tuesday evening, which was largely attended and was a great social and financial success. The proceeds of the affair will go towards paying for the new residence of the Rev. Father Mullen.

Last night at 9:50 o'clock a still alarm called the Niagara engine company to the Belmont mill of the Wheeling Steel & Iron Company, where fire had started in the hoisting house on the river front. The blaze was extinguished with small loss. In making the run to the mill "Bowler," the Niagara's pet dog, was run over and killed.

Yesterday occurred the death of L. C. Reed, in the fifty-third year of his age, at the North Wheeling hospital, after a short illness. Mr. Reed was formerly a merchant tailor, and was well known throughout the city. The funeral will take place Friday afternoon from the home of his brother, Alonzo Reed, 39 Twenty-fifth street, South Side.

The City high school intends to celebrate Lincoln's Birthday, next Monday afternoon, February 12. Judge Gibson J. Cranmer has consented to address the school, giving his personal recollections of Lincoln. Recitations and orations will be given by the pupils, and vocal and instrumental music by the school. The exercises begin at 2:30.

At the meeting of the board of education of Mountville, last night, the resignation of Miss Anna Sunderman, a teacher in the public schools, was accepted, and Miss Lillian Roberts was elected to fill the vacancy. Misses Mary McComb, Blanche Votie and Cornelia Hamilton were elected first, second and third substitutes, respectively.

Miss Florence Bullock, of Elmira, N. Y., will address a union meeting of all

the Young People's Societies of Wheeling, next Sunday, at 2:30 p. m., in the Opera House. To the young people of the city a cordial invitation is extended. Mrs. Helen Bullock will preach in the Third Presbyterian church on Sunday evening. The public is cordially invited to hear this eminent speaker.

The Catholic Benevolent Legion gave a delightful concert and dance at the Central Garden Club rooms, Tuesday evening. The opening address was made by John F. Emig, president of the Legion, after which followed phonographic music and several selections by a quartette composed of Messrs. Arkie, Miller, Gundling and Flading. An elegant luncheon was served at midnight.

MARTIN'S FERRY NEWS.

The Daily Chronicle of Wheeling's Progressive Neighbor.

Last evening about 5:30 o'clock, as Harry, the fourteen-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Morrison, was riding their horse out West Hanover street to water, he met with rather a painful accident. A boy walking on stilts scared the animal, which started to run. The horse, however, in starting, slipped and fell, the unfortunate boy falling under it. The boy sustained a severe squeezing about the chest, and received other slight bruises. The young fellow was carried to his home on Hanover street, and a physician summoned. While his injuries are very painful, they are not at all serious. He will probably be laid up for several weeks.

Mrs. Mary Ottinger, wife of the late John Ottinger, died early yesterday morning, at the home of her son, John Ottinger, on Avondale avenue. Deceased was a native of Germany and had been a resident of this township for thirty-five years. Mrs. Ottinger was sixty-four years of age and leaves two sons and one daughter. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Schwamberger, on Clinton street. Interment will be at Riverview cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Sherman Cusick will take place this morning at 9 o'clock, from her late residence on Clay street. Rev. Bond, of the Baptist church, will officiate. The remains will be shipped to Wellsburg for interment.

Francis McCord cut his right foot badly while at work at the Laughlin mill, early yesterday morning on a piece of scrap iron. The piece of iron cut through the shoe and cut a large and ugly gash in the instep of his foot.

Charles Burkle, a doubler at the Laughlin mill, cut his left hand badly yesterday morning, on a sheet of tin. He was taken to his home on Main

street, where Dr. Wilson found several stitches necessary to close the wound.

The Woman's Club met yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Robert Kerr, on Tenth street, and the attendance was large. An interesting literary programme was rendered by members of the club.

James Ralston is spoken of as a candidate for water works trustee before the Republican primaries. Mr. Ralston is entirely worthy of the position and will be a hard man to defeat.

Elmer Reed has accepted a position with J. M. Wyrick, the druggist, at Bellaire, and will commence the discharge of his new duties Monday.

The funeral of Mrs. John Joseph took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from her late residence in Aetnaville. Rev. Lewis, of the Welsh Congregational church, officiated. Interment was at Riverview cemetery.

Invitations were issued yesterday for the second dance to be given by the Etude Mandolin and Guitar Club, at the Mechanic's Assembly Rooms, Friday evening, February 16.

Mrs. Fannie Anderson and daughter, Mrs. A. R. Ong, will entertain a number of their lady friends to-morrow afternoon, at the residence of the latter on North Fourth street.

Mrs. Tobias Miller and son Carl, who have been the guests of the family of Felix Jerger, on Ninth street, returned to their home at Dennison, yesterday.

Charles O'Brien has announced himself himself as a candidate for township clerk, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

A slight break occurred in the engine at the new department of the Laughlin yesterday, laying the eight mills off for about four hours.

The funeral of the late Richard Stewart will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock, and interment will be at Riverview cemetery.

Martin Gillich, who has been the guest of the family of Joseph Faust, returned to his home at Latrobe, Pa., yesterday.

The case of Harry Grayson against John Kyne, comes up for trial before Squire Clemens in Bridgeport, to-day.

Pierre Coleman is spoken of as a candidate for assessor from the Fourth ward, before the Republican primaries.

S. B. Smith is a candidate for justice of the peace before the Republican primaries.

Charles Coleman is able to be up, after a six weeks' illness with typhoid fever.

Frank McDaniel is very ill at his home on Glenn's Run.

John Trick went to New Castle yesterday, to visit relatives.

BRIDGEPORT HAPPENINGS.

Events of a Day in the Town at the End of the Bridge.

The Knights of Pythias will entertain the wives and families of the members at their hall, this evening. A literary and musical entertainment will be given, which will be followed by a banquet after which dancing will be the order. Meister's orchestra will furnish the music.

The second days' sessions of the annual district convention of the Epworth League, which is being held at the Third Methodist Episcopal church in this city, were largely attended. The ten churches in the district are represented. Two sessions were held yesterday; afternoon and evening, and two will also be held to-day. Morning, afternoon and evening sessions will be held to-morrow, which will be the closing day of the convention.

The date for holding the Republican primaries has been changed from March 10 to Saturday, March 3. The names of all candidates, together with their fees, must be handed to the committee five days before the primaries.

Miss Anna Applegate, who has been the guest of the family of David Barton, returned to her home at Maynard, yesterday.

Engines Nos. 50 and 52 on the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling, were sent to the Lorain shops yesterday, for repairs.

Mrs. O. M. Brooks went to Ulrichville yesterday, to spend several days with relatives.

"Two Married Men" will be the production at the opera house to-morrow night.

Robert Henry, Jr., is very ill at his home in the West End, with typhoid fever.

J. H. Anderson, of Barton, was a business caller in town yesterday.

John McMeichen, of St. Clairsville, was in the city on business yesterday.

Mrs. J. C. Barton, of Woodfield, is the guest of Kirkwood relatives.

Harry Sells returned yesterday, from a business trip to Barnesville.

A young child of Charles Taylor, of Pike street, is very ill.

William Curley, Sr., of West Wheeling, is very ill.

Walter Good is visiting relatives at Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Alexander Cunningham is on the sick list.

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